AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings, of claims in the application:

LISTING OF CLAIMS:

1. (Canceled)

2. (Withdrawn) A lithographic printing plate precursor which comprises an image-forming layer which contains a hydrophilic resin, an acid precursor and at least one component selected from fine particles containing a compound having an epoxy group and microcapsules containing a compound having an epoxy group, on a hydrophilic support.

3. (Currently Amended) A lithographic printing plate precursor which comprises a hydrophilic support having provided thereon an image-forming layer containing ~~fine particles containing a thermosetting compound, and~~ a hydrophilic resin and fine particles containing a thermosetting compound wherein the thermosetting compound is at least a resin selected from a resin having a phenolic skeleton, a melamine resin and a urea resin and wherein the resin having a phenolic skeleton is obtained by resinifying phenol or cresol with aldehydes, hydroxystyrene resins, N-(p-hydroxyphenyl)methacrylamide or N-(p-hydroxyphenyl)methacrylate.

4.-6. (Canceled)

7. (Withdrawn) The lithographic printing plate precursor as claimed in claim 2, wherein the fine particles containing a compound having an epoxy group or the microcapsules containing a compound having an epoxy group contain at least one component of an acid precursor and an infrared ray-absorbing dye.

8. (Withdrawn) The lithographic printing plate precursor as claimed in claim 2, wherein the fine particles containing a compound having an epoxy group or the microcapsules containing a compound having an epoxy group contain a compound having a functional group which reacts with an epoxy group.

9. (Withdrawn) The lithographic printing plate precursor as claimed in claim 2, wherein the hydrophilic resin contains a functional group which reacts with an epoxy group.

10. (Original) The lithographic printing plate precursor as claimed in claim 3, wherein the fine particles containing a thermosetting compound contain an infrared ray-absorbing dye.

11.-12. (Canceled)

13. (Withdrawn) The lithographic printing plate precursor as claimed in claim 2, wherein the hydrophilic support is an aluminum support which has been subjected to anodization treatment and hydrophilization treatment.

14. (Original) The lithographic printing plate precursor as claimed in claim 3, wherein the hydrophilic support is an aluminum support which has been subjected to anodization treatment and hydrophilization treatment

15. (Canceled)

16. (Withdrawn) The lithographic printing plate precursor as claimed in claim 2, wherein the printing plate precursor is development processed on a printing machine.

17. (Withdrawn) The lithographic printing plate precursor as claimed in claim 3, wherein the printing plate precursor is development processed on a printing machine.

18. (Withdrawn) A lithographic printing plate precursor capable of development processing on a printing machine by supplying a fountain solution and ink, which comprises an image-forming layer which contains a hydrophilic resin, an acid precursor, an infrared absorbing dye and at least one component selected from fine particles containing a compound having an epoxy group and microcapsules containing a compound having an epoxy group, on a hydrophilic support.

19. (Currently Amended) A lithographic printing plate precursor capable of development processing on a printing machine by supplying a fountain solution and ink, which comprises a hydrophilic support having provided thereon an image-forming layer containing an infrared absorbing dye, a hydrophilic resin and fine particles containing a thermosetting compound~~, an infrared absorbing dye and a hydrophilic resin~~ wherein the thermosetting compound is at least a resin selected from a resin having a phenolic skeleton, a melamine resin and a urea resin and wherein the resin having a phenolic skeleton is obtained by resinifying phenol or cresol with aldehydes, hydroxystyrene resins, N-(p-hydroxyphenyl)methacrylamide or N-(p-hydroxyphenyl)methacrylate..